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PVSC Summer Extravaganza 2021

The One-Day Event Committee has put together an exciting package of Zoom events for the summer. For the cost of a regular six-week course, only \$30.00, you can register once for ten diverse and informative presentations scheduled during July, August, and September. You are welcome to attend any or all of these events, most of which are scheduled on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00 pm with additional time as needed for Q&A. (Two presenters were not available on Tuesdays and have been scheduled on Mondays.)

Since these events occur during our new membership year, which begins July 1, 2021, in order to partake in these Zoom presentations, you must first register for an individual (\$25.00) or couple (\$40.00) membership for the 2021-2022 year. Some of you may still have credit on your account, which can be used toward membership and/or the course. Check with Sheila via phone or email.

Please register online on the secure website, or mail in the registration form that was sent to you earlier, and is also attached as part of this email. Make sure your communication information is up-to-date.

Members of other Maine Senior Colleges may email Sheila at smksenior2020@gmail.com to confirm their current Senior College membership, and then mail in their \$30.00 fee, listing the name of the course.

A Zoom link will be emailed two days prior and on the day of each event.

List of presenters and topics:

4:00 pm Tuesday, July 6, 2021:

Liam Riordan - The Five Most Important Things to Know About the American Revolution

This illustrated lecture provides a concise overview of the American Revolution that created the United States as an independent nation. This formative era still makes active claims about the US today, and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is just around the corner in 2026. What should we know about this important event and its varied legacies in the twenty-first century?

Liam has included a link to a PDF article, you may like to read prior to the presentation. The link will be emailed to you when you register for the summer series. You will do not need to read the article to enjoy the lecture.

4:00 pm Tuesday, July 13, 2021:

Pam Wells - Capturing Wildlife: Nature Photography Tips

Pam has a Canon camera which has a long lens, small lens, and micro-lens. She says she has figured out that the sunlight needs to be in the correct direction, and that if she waits in her forest not walking around, some wildlife will figure out that she's not moving. That's when they start walking, which is why she gets photos of them. She will share some of her wildlife photos and explain how she makes them.

4:00 pm Monday, July 19, 2021:

Dr. Susie Arnold, Ph.D. - A Climate of Change: Sea Level Rise

The seas are rising, and every community on the coast of Maine—and coasts elsewhere—should explore ways to adapt. *A Climate of Change: Sea Level Rise* follows the community of Vinalhaven, Maine, over a two-year period as they have conversations around planning for and responding to sea level rise on the island. It highlights some of the challenges they face, but more importantly, shows us how a small, yet engaged community can lead the way and plan for change. The film will be followed by a discussion with Dr. Arnold, a Marine Scientist with the Island Institute.

**4:00 pm Tuesday, July 27, 2021:
Amy McCrea - Understanding Your Rights as a Victim and Working
with the Criminal Justice System**

The Victim Witness Coordinator provides information and assistance to victims of crimes, including domestic violence, assault, burglary, theft, and other crimes; acts as liaison between victims, witnesses and the District Attorney; and provides trial support to the District Attorney and/or Assistant District Attorneys. We will learn about the rights of victims when working with the criminal justice system.

**4:00 pm Monday, August 2, 2021:
Pauleena MacDougal - Bangor Celtic Crossroads, Inc.: Exploring
Celtic Culture**

Bangor Celtic Crossroads, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that presents programs of traditional music, dance, lectures and demonstrations that relate to Celtic culture. This will be a lecture/discussion about the organization and how students can be involved in the program if interested. We will see photos, videos, and hear excerpts of music from some who have presented for Bangor Celtic Crossroads, Inc.

**4:00 pm Tuesday, August 10, 2021:
Secretary of State Shenna Bellows - Voting Rights: 2021**

In 2021 our democracy is at a crossroads. Historically, Maine has always been a leader in voter participation nationally, and American democracy has been a model for the rest of the world. Some are seeking to restrict voting rights while others are working to make voting more accessible, convenient and secure. This presentation, led by Maine's Secretary of State, will provide an overview of the national voting rights landscape, reflect on possible federal intervention, and explain Maine's election laws.

**4:00 pm Tuesday, August 17, 2021:
Meg Weston - Volcanoes: Inspiration and Explanation**

Ms. Weston will talk about her lifelong obsession with volcanoes and geologic hot spots around the globe. (She has recently returned from Iceland.) She'll share photographs and stories from her travels as well as poetry and prose with volcanic metaphors and themes.

**4:00 pm Tuesday, August 24, 2021:
Ron and Lee Davis—Global Problems Require Global Solutions**

Serious challenges to human health and welfare are increasing globally due to (1) growing dependence of national economies on international supply chains of manufactured goods and natural resources, and (2) the fact that we all share the same atmosphere and oceans. Problems ranging from climate change, threats to biodiversity, and pandemics are most effectively solved by cooperative action among nations. Increasing human population and technology and associated pressures on global resources make coordination among nations even more important. As a starter, coordination is most likely to be improved by strengthening of the UN, but in the long run true world governance such as a democratic world federation of nations will be a necessity. Lee and Ron will explore these issues with a Prezi slide show and hope to stimulate some lively discussion.

**4:00 PM Tuesday, August 31, 2021:
Judy Hakola - “From Sea to Shining Sea”: A Survey of Mysteries from All Corners of the Country**

Sometimes good mysteries are so deeply imbedded in their locations that readers learn much more than “who done it” while reading them. This survey will highlight a number of such books that are set in places ranging from Eastport, Maine to Denali National Park in Alaska. (That’s the “from sea to shining sea” part.) We will also check out Wyoming and Montana, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee, the swamplands of Florida, cities such as Boston and Atlanta, at least one southwestern Native reservation and many other sites where geographical and cultural factors play a role in the plot and resolution. Students will be provided with a list of books and will be encouraged to add their own suggestions.

4:00 pm Tuesday, September 14, 2021: Bob Duchesne—Identifying Birds in the Wild: What are the Clues the Experts Use?

Ever wonder how the expert identifies birds so quickly? Experts automatically look for certain visual clues that are easy to learn and simple to remember. This one-hour slide show will demonstrate what to look for.





**Penobscot Valley Senior College: Registration Form
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PVSC is a volunteer organization, one of 17 in Maine! Open to individuals ages 50 and older, our membership year runs from **July 1st through June 30th** of the following year. Typically, we've offered two course sessions, fall and spring, with additional free One-Day events. However, with Zoom technology, we are able to offer additional courses and events, depending on instructor / presenter availability. We hope to have some in-person courses in the fall, but some will continue being offered on Zoom.

New members are encouraged to join the Maine Senior College closest to where they live. Once you pay your yearly membership fee to your local senior college, you are able to attend classes by registering and paying the course fee, either for a course at your college, or any of the other senior colleges in Maine. Fortunately, virtual presentations have made accessibility easier. <https://www.maineseniorcollege.org/>

Check PVSC's website for upcoming courses or One-Day Events. With Zoom providing distance learning, PVSC is also offering membership to family and friends who live in other states. They just need to fill out a membership form, paying either online, or by mailing the form to our Private Mail Box (PMB) with a check.

For any questions, please email or call Sheila Krautkremer, PVSC Administrative Assistant.

(First-time members, to register online, create a "Household" and become a "Member" in that household. Then register for a "Membership" by paying the fee.

\$ _____ 2021-2022 PVSC Membership - \$25 individual

\$ _____ 2021-2022 PVSC Membership - \$40 two people at the same address

\$ _____ PVSC Summer Extravaganza 2021 - \$30 per registrant

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Checks to PVSC – Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____ (needed for Zoom)

Phone number (s): _____ Home Cell (required for website)